

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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INVENTION : SURGICAL TOOL WITH AN  
ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER FOR  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF JULY 9, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated July 9, 2008,  
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expire August 9, 2008, kindly enter the following response:

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
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